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Committee Bill No. 5619

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT REQUIRING ELECTION OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-181 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) At the state election to be held in 1966, and quadrennially
4 thereafter, there shall be elected a Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
5 Secretary, Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General to hold their
6 respective offices from the Wednesday following the first Monday of
7 the January next succeeding their election until the Wednesday
8 following the first Monday of the fifth January succeeding their
9 election and until their successors are qualified. When any political
10 party has nominated candidates for the offices of Governor and
11 Lieutenant Governor, their names shall be so placed upon the ballot in
12 any such election that any elector will cast a single vote for both
13 candidates.

14 (b) At the state election to be held in 2010, and quadrennially

15 thereafter, there shall be elected an Insurance Commissioner who shall
16 hold office from the Wednesday following the first Monday of the
17 January next succeeding his or her election until the Wednesday
18 following the first Monday of the fifth January succeeding his or her
19 election and until a successor is qualified.

20 Sec. 2. Section 9-600 of the general statutes is repealed and the
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

22 This chapter applies to: (1) The election, and all primaries
23 preliminary thereto, of all public officials, except presidential electors,
24 United States senators and members in Congress, and (2) any
25 referendum question. This chapter also applies, except for the
26 provisions of sections 9-611 to 9-620, inclusive, to persons who are
27 candidates in a primary for town committee members. On and after
28 the effective date of this section, the provisions of this chapter shall
29 apply to the election, and any primaries preliminary thereto, of the
30 Insurance Commissioner.

31 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Not later than February 1,
32 2008, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall make
33 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
34 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
35 concerning the election of the Insurance Commissioner under the
36 Citizens' Election Program. Such recommendations shall include, but
37 not be limited to, the appropriate level of qualifying contributions to
38 be received by a participating candidate for the office of the Insurance
39 Commissioner, the appropriate amount for a primary and general
40 election grant for such a participating candidate and any other
41 recommendations the commission determines are relevant to the
42 election of the Insurance Commissioner.

43 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Notwithstanding any
44 provision of the general statutes, no exploratory or campaign
45 committee of a candidate for Insurance Commissioner shall accept
46 contributions from: (1) Individuals, firms or corporations holding

47 contracts with a value of five thousand dollars or more with the
48 Insurance Department; or (2) individuals who own a firm or
49 corporation that is subject to regulation by the Insurance Department
50 or any individual who is a manager, officer, director, partner or
51 employee with managerial responsibilities at such a firm or
52 corporation.

53 Sec. 5. Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
54 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

55 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"
56 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
57 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue
58 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and
59 Families, Commissioner of Consumer Protection, Commissioner of
60 Correction, Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
61 State Board of Education, Commissioner of Emergency Management
62 and Homeland Security, Commissioner of Environmental Protection,
63 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,
64 [Insurance Commissioner,] Labor Commissioner, Liquor Control
65 Commission, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
66 Commissioner of Public Safety, Commissioner of Social Services,
67 Commissioner of Mental Retardation, Commissioner of Motor
68 Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of Public
69 Works, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Commissioner of Health
70 Care Access, Chief Information Officer, the chairperson of the Public
71 Utilities Control Authority, the executive director of the Board of
72 Education and Services for the Blind, the executive director of the
73 Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism and the
74 Ombudsman for Property Rights.

75 Sec. 6. Section 38a-7 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
76 *October 1, 2007*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	9-181
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	9-600
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	4-5
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Insurance Commissioner to be a state-wide elected official.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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